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1. CONSUL REED DELIVERED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TO MACHEL ON JULY 26, PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF YOUR TELEGRAM (REF C). HE WAS RECEIVED IN COURTYARD OF FOREIGN MINISTRY BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MANUEL DOS SANTOS, TO WHOM HE GAVE THE LETTER. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENCY ON JUNE 24. HE DID NOT STATE THAT WE CONSIDERED THE PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S LETTERS TO CONSTITUTE OUR FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THAT WE WERE AWAITING A REPLY FROM THE MOZAMBIKAN SIDE, SINCE WE HAD DECIDED SUCH STATEMENT WOULD IN FACT SIGNIFY ANXIETY FOR A REPLY ON OUR PART.

2. I CAN OF COURSE DELIVER A VERY BRIEF LETTER TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 2, REFTEL (C). HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT IT IS QUITE CLEAR TO THE GPRM THAT THE LETTER FROM
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PRESIDENT FORD OF JUNE 25 AND THE LETTER FROM SECRETARY

KISSINGER OF JUNE 14 DO CONSTITUTE FORMAL PROPOSALS. THE LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY SPECIFICALLY INVITES A REPLY AND THE LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT IMPLICITLY CALLS FOR A REPLY.

3. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY REMAINING THING TO DO WITH REGARD TO THE LETTERS AT THIS JUNCTION IS FOR ME TO ATTEMPT TO SEE TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR KATIKAZA, TO BRIEF HIM ON MY EFFORTS TO SEE MONTEIRO IN THE PRESIDENCY (PER HIS SUGGESTION) AND CHISSANO AND TO TELL HIM THAT WE HAVE DELIVERED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE OUR FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD. I BELIEVE THAT I CAN MAKE CLEAR THAT A REPLY FROM MOZAMBICAN SIDE IS IN ORDER WITHOUT SAYING SO.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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